

4 November 1949

MEMORANDUM TO: COP, FB I

SUBJECT: BQFIEND - Combined Security Board

REFERENCE: (a) DDO Top Secret memorandum to COP dated 25 October, same subject

1. Reference (a) reflects certain inconsistencies which I think should be resolved before we have committed ourselves to the assignment of personnel to the Combined Security Board. I refer specifically to the implication in reference (a) that certain officers assigned to this board may become involved in operations.
2. The recommendation contained in para. 8g of reference (a) contains two diametrically opposed ideas: (a) "That current plans for assignment of non-operational personnel to the Board go forward", and (b) "Such personnel will not participate in operations until Spring".
3. Paragraph 6 of reference (a) similarly refers to "operations being run from the Combined Security Board by the Board's personnel". This paragraph further states that this "means that BQFIEND operations are under U. S. Government cover".
4. All of the above may merely reflect loose language but the implications of reference (a) and, in fact, its recommendation, mean that in the future planning of BQFIEND OPG is ignoring one of its basic responsibilities, to wit, that U. S. interest in operations not be disclosed or, should they inadvertently appear, U. S. interest may be positively disclaimed.
5. Finally, if any of our personnel who are officially assigned to the Combined Security Board are permitted to engage in operations, we are violating agreements which we have had with other governmental agencies, notably the Department of State. We have repeatedly assured State Department officials, who have been of great assistance to us, that we at no time would utilize official State cover for personnel engaged in operations.

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6. To clarify the record I would much appreciate COP's agreement that personnel assigned to the Combined Security Board will ~~not~~ at any time be permitted to engage themselves in BOFIEND operations.

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Chief of Support, OPC

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